

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10. (Canceled)

11. **(New)** In a valve for controlling fluids that are at high pressure, having a valve seat region, at which a high-pressure region and a low-pressure region can be made to communicate with one another or can be disconnected from one another, and having a valve body, at which a seat face is embodied for a conical valve member, the seat face extending in inclined fashion in the valve body, the improvement wherein the conical valve member comprises a multiconical geometry in the valve seat region, including at least one first conical face and one second conical face, and wherein the first conical face has a seat angle difference from the seat face of the valve body.

12. **(New)** The valve in accordance with claim 11, wherein the second conical face of the multiconical geometry has a further seat angle difference that exceeds the seat angle difference of the first conical face.

13. **(New)** The valve in accordance with claim 11, wherein the valve needle is the valve member of an inward-opening valve of an outward-opening valve.

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14. **(New)** The valve in accordance with claim 12, wherein the sealing edge coincides with an encompassing edge of the valve needle, and wherein conical face portions extend radially inward and radially outward from the sealing edge and have different seat angle differences from the seat face in the valve body.

15. **(New)** The valve in accordance with claim 11, wherein the valve needle is the valve member of an inward-opening valve of an outward-opening valve, and wherein the seat angle difference between the first conical face and the seat face of the valve body is less than 5°.

16. **(New)** The valve in accordance with claim 11, further comprising a pocketlike recess is embodied in the seat face of the valve body of the inward-opening valve, or in the seat face of the outward-opening valve.

17. **(New)** The valve in accordance with claim 11, wherein the sealing edge coincides with one of the encompassing edges of the multiconical geometry and is located between the first conical face and the second conical face.

18. **(New)** The valve in accordance with claim 17, wherein the seat angle difference at the first conical face is embodied as extending radially outward.

19. **(New)** The valve in accordance with claim 11, wherein the sealing edge is embodied as an edge of a seat face of the valve body.

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20. **(New)** The valve in accordance with claim 11, wherein the sealing edge is located between the seat face and a chamfer embodied on the valve body, and wherein the chamfer has the seat angle difference from the seat face.